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**Provisional agenda for the 2021 session of the
United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names**

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of work.
3. Reports of the Chair and the Secretariat.
4. Reports:
 - (a) Governments on the situation in their countries and on the progress made in the standardization of geographical names;
 - (b) Divisions of the Group of Experts;
 - (c) Working Group on Country Names;
 - (d) National and international meetings and conferences.
5. Cooperation and liaison with other organizations:
 - (a) International organizations;
 - (b) Economic Commission for Africa and Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management.
6. National and international standardization of geographical names:
 - (a) Names collection, office treatment, national authorities, features beyond a single sovereignty and international cooperation;
 - (b) Toponymic guidelines for map and other editors for international use.
7. Social and economic benefits, supporting sustainable development, measures taken and proposed for the implementation of resolutions and evaluation of the work of the Group of Experts.
8. Issues of publicity for the Group of Experts and funding of Group projects.



9. Activities on the standardization of geographical names in Africa.
 10. Toponymic education.
 11. Toponymic terminology.
 12. Geographical names as culture, heritage and identity, including indigenous, minority and regional languages and multilingual issues.
 13. Exonyms.
 14. Toponymic data files and gazetteers.
 15. Writing systems and pronunciation.
 16. Other geographical names issues.
 17. Arrangements for the 2023 session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.
 18. Other business.
 19. Presentation and adoption of decisions.
 20. Adoption of the report on the 2021 session.
 21. Closing of the session.
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